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REQUEST CONGEN PASS FOLLOWING LETTER TO STEPANENKO AND
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AUGUST 3, 1978 02.01-12

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DEAR DR. STEPANENKO:

THE US SIDE REGRETS THAT AN EARTHQUAKE AND SEASONAL CONDI-
TIONS HAVE NECESSITATED POSTPONEMENT OF THE JOINT US-SOVIET
NATURAL AEROSOL EXPERIMENT IN ABASTUMANI. BECAUSE OUR IN-

STRUMENTS ARE COMMITTED TO FIELD EXPERIMENTS IN THE US BEGINNING IN EARLY OCTOBER, AND BECAUSE THE PRIOR TEACHING OBLIGATIONS OF SEVERAL OF THE US SPECIALISTS WOULD NOT PERMIT THEIR PARTICIPATION IN SEPTEMBER, WE PROPOSE THAT THE EXPERIMENT BE RESCHEDULED FOR THE SUMMER OF 1979.

IN ORDER THAT LONG-TERM PREPARATIONS MAY BE COMPLETED, WE REQUEST THAT THE SOVIET SIDE PROPOSE SPECIFIC DATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS PROPOSAL WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO THE US OF SOVIET PROJECT MANAGEMENT SPECIALISTS TO DEVELOP A PROTOCOL GOVERNING THE EXPERIMENT. ONCE ARRANGEMENTS ARE FINALIZED, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT TWO SOVIET TECHNICIANS VISIT THE US PRIOR TO THE EXPERIMENT TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE OPERATION OF THE US INSTRUMENTS. THESE INSTRUMENTS, INCLUDING GAS CHROMATOGRAPH COLUMNS ESPECIALLY FABRICATED IN OUR LABORATORY AT RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, WILL BE SHIPPED TO WHATEVER ADDRESS YOU DESIGNATE.

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE EXPERIMENT, WE PLAN TO RESCHEDULE THE WORKING GROUP MEETING FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1979. THE PROTOCOL FOR THE EXPERIMENT COULD BE DEVELOPED AT THIS TIME.

TURNING TO ANOTHER SUBJECT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMING US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES AND PROPOSED ARRIVAL DATE OF THE TWO SOVIET THEORETICAL SPECIALISTS
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TAKING PART IN THE JOINT WIND TUNNEL EXPERIMENT. THE US SIDE NEEDS AT LEAST TWO MONTHS' ADVANCE NOTICE FOR WIND TUNNEL SCHEDULING.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU SOON.

SINCERELY YOURS,

HERBERT L. WISER
US CHAIRMAN
JOINT WORKING GROUP VANCE

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